

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 5, last paragraph, replace with the following paragraph:

The water tank 10 is the subject of a copending International application by the Applicant entitled "Improved Water Tank and Method of Making Same", PCT/WO2005/005738, the contents of which are herein incorporated by cross reference.

Page 6, second complete paragraph, replace with the following two paragraphs:

Fig. 3 illustrates the lockseam 20 provided in the tank wall and which joins the longitudinal edges 18 and 19 of the metal strip. The lockseam 20 is formed by folding over lapping portions 18 and 19. The lockseam is designed so that outward hydrostatic pressure forces the seam into tighter engagement thereby improving the seal between the longitudinal edges 18 and 19. In this arrangement, the lockseam is arranged so that the edges overlap with the film 23 of one edge in facing relation with the film 23 of the other edge. Further, the lapping edges are forced together under pressure to thereby compress the coating 40. In the illustrated form, the overlap formed in the lockseam may vary depending on the design requirement of the seam 20. In the general terms, increasing the overlap increases the strength of the lockseam and increases the sealing surface providing the watertight joint. The Applicant has found that an overlap of 3 - 10mm is suitable for water tank applications.

There are many types of known lock seam profiles, some of which are illustrated in US patents including US 5,980,744, US 6,014,988, US 4,106,659, US 4,602,469, US 4,706,434, US 4,924,684, US 5,105,639, and US 5,692,300. The present invention is not limited to any one specific lock seam design or profile.